



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3773
PATENT**
Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Marc O. SCHURR et al.

Application No.: 09/957,451

Filed: September 21, 2001

For: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR
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) Group Art Unit: 3773

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the final Office Action mailed September 9, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed December 5, 2008, the period for response to which extends to January 9, 2009 by a request for a one-month extension of time filed herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes amending the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.